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- IL 1763

REFS: A. COCOM DOC. REV (74) L763/2

B. OECD PARIS 6591

C. COCOM DOC. REV (74) L763/3

1. UKDEL HAS SUBMITTED FOLLOWING COMPROMISE PROPOSAL:

"1. THE UK AUTHORITIES HAVE REVIEWED THEIR PROPOSAL TO FREE FROM EMBARGO CARBON FIBRES HAVING A SPECIFIC MODULUS OF LESS THAN 5×10 TO THE EIGHTH POWER. THEY HAVE ALSO STUDIED FURTHER THE HISTORY OF THIS ITEM. THEY RECALL THAT, WHEN THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES PROPOSED THE PRESENT FORM OF IL 1763, THEY INCLUDED 'CARBON MULTIFILAMENTS' AND 'GRAPHITE WHISKERS' IN THEIR LIST OF PRODUCTS COVERED BY SUB-HEADING (A). (ADDENDUM TO COCOM DOC REV(68)6 PAGE 18). THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES ACCEPTED THIS CLASSIFICATION BUT POINTED OUT THAT CERTAIN LOW MODULUS CARBON FIBRES USED FOR FURNACE INSULATION, ALTHOUGH OUTSIDE THE PARAMETERS OF (A), DID NEVERTHELESS FALL WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF (B). THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION AGREED THAT IT WAS NOT THEIR INTENTION TO EXTEND THE EMBARGO TO SUCH NON-STR-

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TEGIC MATERIALS, AND ACCORDINGLY THE PRESENT EXCEPTION

TO SUB-HEADING (B) WAS INTRODUCED. (MEMORANDUM BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, COCOM DOC REV (68)1763/3).

"2. HOWEVER WITH REGARD TO THE CURRENT UNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL FOR RELAXATION OF CARBON FIBER, IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT, DUE TO THE VERY HIGH SUBLIMATION TEMPERATURE OF CARBON, ALL CARBON FIBRES THAT FALL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF SUB-HEADING (A) ALSO FALL AUTOMATICALLY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF SUB-HEADING (B). THERE IS THUS DOUBLE COVERAGE, AND ANY FURTHER RELAXATION WILL HAVE TO COVER BOTH SUB-HEADINGS.

"3. THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES STILL CONSIDER, AS STATED IN ROUND II PARAGRAPH 2 - COCOM DOC REV (74)L763/2B), THAT THEIR PROPOSAL TO RELEASE CARBON FIBRES HAVING A SPECIFIC MODULUS OF LESS THAN 5×10 TO THE EIGHTH POWER MEETS THE STRATEGIC CRITERIA. HOWEVER, IN A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES ARE NOW WILLING TO WITHDRAW THEIR CURRENT PROPOSAL AND TO PROPOSE INSTEAD THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION NOTE:

'GOVERNMENTS MAY PERMIT, AS ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTIONS, THE SHIPMENT OF CARBON FIBRES EMBARGOED BY SUBITEMS (A) AND (B) PROVIDED THAT THEY HAVE A SPECIFIC MODULUS OF LESS THAN 5×10 TO THE EIGHTH POWER' ".

2. ACTION REQUESTED: US VIEWS ON UK PROPOSAL.
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